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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Albio Sires announces the release of over \$34 million in New Jersey to provide child care services or improve existing child care services for working families. This funding was appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law on February 17, 2009.

The funding can be used by New Jersey to support child care services for more families whose children require care while they are working, seeking employment or receiving job training or education. The funds will support a wide range of child care providers, including child care centers and home-based programs

“This funding will help ease the minds of working parents who now more than ever need access to child care,” said Sires. “Parents need this support so they can keep their current job or, if unemployed, find a new job or go back to school.”

This funding is part of the \$2 billion nationwide appropriated under the Child Care and Development Block Grant. This funding will provide child care services to an additional 300,000 children in low-income families while their parents go to work. It will also fund quality improvements at approved child care providers. Today, only one out of every seven children eligible for federal child care assistance receives it. This funding will allow more families to have access to quality child care.

For more information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, please visit <http://www.recovery.gov/>

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